San Marino, Huntington Library, HM 27523

Description: ff. 277 - Bound, s. XVIII, in French polished calf; red edges. - Written in France, possibly Brittany, in the first half of the fifteenth century. The first owner was a member of the Laval family, whose coat of arms is in the roundel on f. 1: or, on a cross gules 5 escallops argent, semé of alerions azure (Rietstap, vol. 4, pl. 33). On f. I, shelf mark or notarial mark composed of a large flourish or paraph and the number "cinq," found on manuscripts of the library of the Château d'Anet, sold in Paris in 1724; this manuscript [n. 98] in that sale. The mark is on a number of manuscripts and printed books now in Vienna, for which see O. Pächt and D. Thoss, Die illuminierten Handschriften und Inkunabeln der Österreichischen Nationalbibliothek: Französische Schule (Vienna 1974) vol. 1, pls. 141, 155, 156 and vol. 2, pls. 410, 412. Acquired by J. B. Denis Guyon de Sardière with a portion of the Château d'Anet collection; his sale, Paris 1759, lot 227. Sold by Mme H. Lestourgie to the French book dealer Brieux. Acquired by the Huntington Library in 1964 through H. Levinson, Beverly Hills. - Chronica, 5-6; Aspects of Medieval England, n. 43 open at f. 101v. D. Byrne, "The Boucicaut Master and the Iconographic Tradition of the 'Livre des Propriétés des Choses', " Gazette des Beaux-Arts 92 (1978) 149-64, citing this manuscript on p. 163, n. 22.

Acknowledgments: - We are indebted to M. François Avril for the identification of the mark of the Château d'Anet.

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Language: French *Country:* France *Century:* 15th

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Part 1: ff. 1-277v

Description: - Parchment - 290 x 380 mm - 1^{10}(-1) 2-35^{8} 36^{6}^6#(-6). Catchwords in the hand of the text in the lower right margin; quire signatures in black ink in the lower left corner of the first recto: c-z and aa-oo (a and b presumably cropped); traces of quire and leaf signatures following the same sequence, in red ink in the lower right corners of leaves: f. 12, b.iiii; f. 84, 1.iiii; f. 177, y.i. 2 columns of 47 lines, ruled in ink; pricking visible in upper and lower margins.

Country: France

Cardinal point:

Region:

City:

Assigned Date: s. XV^{1}

Searchable Date Range: 1400 - 1450

Dated by scribe: No

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Document: No

Number of Scribes: ;

Script: Bâtarde

Figurative Decoration: Nineteen miniatures introducing each book, framed by simple burnished gold bands, with backgrounds often as feathery gold or silver rinceaux against black or dark pink grounds; opening miniature, f. 1, the width of both columns, ca. 200 × 160 mm., divided into 4 compartments; the roundel placed at the center of the 4 compartments contains a coat of arms; full border of black ink sprays, gold motifs and regularly placed, but sparse, colored acanthus leaves. Remaining miniatures, the width of one column, 19- to 13-line height.

Other Decoration: Initials for books, 7- to 3-line, in white-patterned blue or pink, infilled with colored trilobe leaves on a gold base; chapter initials, 4- to 1-line, alternating blue with red penwork or red with blue; alternating red and blue paragraph marks; rubrics throughout.

Notes: Latin

Number of Texts: 1

Text 1: ff. 1-277v

Author: Bartholomaeus Anglicus

Other Associate: Jean Corbichon, translator

Title: Livre des proprietes des choses

Title: Ci fault le prologue de l'acteur. Et commence le premier livre qui est de dieu et des noms divins qui sont dis de dieu

Language(s): French

Incipit: En commensant a declairer aucunes choses des proprietes et des natures des choses tant espirituelles comme corporelles

Explicit: Theophile, Varro, Virgile. Ce livre des proprietes des choses fut translate de latin en francoys l'an de grace mil CCC lxxiii par le commandement de tres puissant Charles le quint de son nom regnant en ce temps en france puissaument. Et le translata son petit et humble chapelain frere iehan Corbechon de l'ordre saint Augustin maistre en theologie de la grace et promocion dudit prince et seigneur tresexcellent. Deo gratias.

Notes: Bartholomaeus Anglicus, De proprietatibus rerum in the French translation of Jean Corbichon, of which there are several incunable editions; in HM 27523 art. 1 lists 20 books, the last of 36 chapters; however, in the text the "20th" book begins, f. 273, with the rubric, Ci commence le traite de la difference des nombres et des mesures . . . ; this and the remaining chapters numbered as Book 19, chapters 114-149. For lists of manuscripts, not including HM 27523, see Stegmüller 1564-1567, Zumkeller, n. 468 and M. C. Seymour, "Some Medieval French Readers of De Proprietatibus Rerum," Scriptorium 28 (1974) 100-03. The text is preceded by a chapter list on ff. I-IX, the translator's prologue beginning on f. 1, and the author's prologue beginning on f. 2.